Subject: Appeal for donations

The Teachers College of the Far Eastern Republic

[Vladivostok, Siberia]

June 21, 1921

ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ ДАЛЬНЕВОСТОЧНЫЙ ПЕДАГОГИЧЕСКИЙ ИНСТИТУТ
имени УШИНСКОГО.

THE TEACHERS COLLEGE OF THE FAR EASTERN REPUBLIC
in honour of Ooshinsky.
8, Suifunskaya St., Vladivostok, Siberia.

June 21st, 1921.

President of American Numismatic
and Archaeological Society.
U.S.A.

My dear Sir:

Permit us to address a few words to you concerning the Teachers College of the Far Eastern Republic. This college was founded in 1917. It is supported wholly by the government. It is the only institution of its kind in eastern Siberia furnishing teachers for high schools. The importance of its task cannot be overestimated. While the work of the school is most important it has its serious and perplexing problems. The critical condition of the government makes it so. You are, of course, acquainted with our problem. While the ambition for education is keen the government cannot at present furnish the college with the necessary funds for equipment of the laboratories and buildings.

Russia is eagerly seeking education. We hope to get it and hope to be saved by it. We look with longing eyes to you across the sea. You experiment and hold fast to that which is good. You will allow us, we feel sure, the benefit of your work. We have read with pleasure, interest and profit books on American education written by American educators. But we wish to come in a more personal contact with you. Would not an exchange of educational matter be possible? We would appreciate copies of your by-laws, curricula, plans, reports as well as photographs of your buildings, copies of your school publications and educational books. In return for this and for what financial support you may deem possible to send us we are able to send you collections of geological, botanical, zoological, ornithological, archaeological and ethnographical specimens from Russia and Siberia. The government of the Far Eastern Republic is behind the institution and will guarantee payment of whatever loan you may agree to send us.

We make this appeal with the assurance of your interest in universal education. You wish the principles of democracy extended beyond your boarders. At the same time we feel sure you understand our serious and perplexing problems.

We shall be most grateful to you for any advice of assistance you may render us.

We remain,
Very respectfully yours,

Peter Joseph Devine,

President of the Teachers College
of the Far Eastern Republic.

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